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AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2016 STATE BUDGET HOUSE BILL 750 AS PASSED HIGHLIGHTS

The original FY 2016 budget approved during the 2015 Session set spending at \$21.8 billion. House Bill 750, the Amended FY 2016 budget, recognizes \$1.2 billion in additional revenue or 5.67% over the original FY 2016 budget. This brings the total appropriation for Amended FY 2016 to \$23.06 billion.

The new revenue is mainly comprised of \$204 million from the K-12 midterm adjustment reserve; \$30.3 million in additional lottery proceeds to meet the HOPE demand; and the recognition of \$758 million in new general and motor fuel proceeds for transportation resulting from HB 170 (2015 Session). The final version of the budget also includes \$70 million in anticipated settlements from the federal government that will be used to provide a one-time infusion in health care programs with long-term impacts.

Highlights of those changes include:

Economic Development and Transportation

- HB 750 includes an infusion of \$758 million in new state general and motor fuel funds for transportation. Of these funds, \$519.8 million is to be spent on capital construction and maintenance projects; \$200 million is budgeted for routine maintenance and \$36.1 million in additional funding is provided for Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants (LMIG). Georgians may track progress on these projects, search for projects, and view the state's major mobility plan for the next 10 years by visiting www.GAroads.org.
- The Amended FY 2016 budget also includes an additional \$1.2 million for airport aid grants.

K-12 Education

- \$109.9 million is provided for midterm enrollment growth of .74 percent or 12,993 additional FTEs. This figure also includes additional funds for charter system grants and State Commission Charter School supplements.
- \$14.9 million is provided through the OneGeorgia Authority to continue to provide grants to local school systems for broadband connectivity, live online instruction and other digital

platforms. This is in addition to \$60 million that was appropriated in the Amended FY 2014 and Amended FY 2015 budgets.

Higher Education

- HB 750 includes an additional \$20.2 million to meet the projected need for the Move on When Ready program. This brings the total appropriation for Amended FY 2016 to \$49.1 million to provide 46,500 awards.
- The budget provides an additional \$27.1 million for the HOPE Scholarship and \$3.1 million for the Zell Miller Scholarship to meet the projected need. North Georgia Military Scholarship Grants also received an additional \$525,808 to meet the projected need.
- The Amended FY 2016 budget also includes \$5 million for a one-time economic development project at Augusta University.

Public Safety

- HB 750 includes an additional \$3.1 million for the Public Defenders Standards Council for capital conflict and conflict cases and \$401,950 for the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to provide mandatory training for newly elected sheriffs.
- The Amended FY 2016 budget provides an additional \$821,554 to the Office of Highway Safety to continue the implementation of Joshua's Law driver education programs per SB 231 (2013 Session). This brings the total funding in Amended FY 2016 for driver education to \$3.7 million.

Health

- The Amended FY 2016 budget appropriates \$14.6 million in state funds to draw down Disproportionation Share Hospital (DSH) payments for all private deemed and non-deemed hospitals. The net effect to these hospitals is \$44.9 million in additional funds.
- HB 750 includes an additional \$26.5 million in state funds to cover high cost prescription drugs for the Medicaid: Aged, Blind and Disabled program; \$32.5 million for Medicaid and PeachCare growth; \$4 million for the Medicare Part D Clawback payment; and \$13 million for the hold harmless for Medicare Part B premiums.
- The Amended FY 2016 budget also includes a one-time enhancement of \$35 million each for the Mercer School of Medicine and the Morehouse School of Medicine to continue to increase the number of physicians who practice in underserved rural and urban communities in Georgia.

Human Services

- HB 750 provides \$51.4 million in additional funds for the Department of Human Services to address the growth in Out-of-Home Care utilization and \$34.4 million to replace prior year Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds with state funds.

- The Amended FY 2016 budget includes \$2.3 million for the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) to meet actual expenditures and maintain community-based services for the elderly and \$1.4 million to relocate high-priority Division of Family and Children Services' (DFCS) county offices based on the increased number of case workers.

General Government

- The budget includes \$15 million to fund Forestland Protection Act grant reimbursements in the Department of Revenue.
- HB 750 provides \$3 million in additional funds for hazardous waste cleanup activities.